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RE: Membership and Background for Commission

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Please access the Commission's website:

under the "additional information" heading to find background information to assist you in your work on the Commission. All attachments to this memo may be found at the Commission website under the "documents" heading.

A listing of the membership of the Commission is Attachment A. We will distribute a membership contacts list at the initial meeting of the Commission for you to review to ensure the correctness and appropriateness of the contact information to be made available to the public.

The Co-chairpersons of the Commission, Senator Jack Hatch and Representative Ro Foege, have compiled a tentative schedule for the meetings of the Commission to allow for monthly meetings. The tentative schedule, including proposed locations for the meetings, is Attachment B.

The first meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, in the Supreme Court Chamber, Room 103, of the Capitol. The agenda for the meeting is Attachment C. Please note that there will be a working lunch and boxed lunches will be provided for Commission members.

Written communications between staff and Commission members regarding meetings will be by email, unless otherwise requested by a member. Materials prepared for use of the Commission members will be posted on the Commission's website. Commission members will be provided with hard copies of the

information at Commission meetings, unless a member requests receipt of the information by mail in advance.

The members of the Commission have been invited to attend the Rebalancing Health Care in the Heartland Forum being held in Des Moines on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Downtown Marriott. If you wish to register for the forum, you may do so at www.rebalancinghealthcare.org or in person on the day of the forum. The costs of attending the forum, including registration, parking, meals, and lodging for Commission members, will be reimbursed by the Commission upon submission of receipts. Registration and other information regarding the forum is Attachment D. The University of Iowa is also extending an invitation to Commission members to attend a reception prior to the forum on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the Marriott beginning at 6:30 p.m. The invitation is Attachment E.

The charge of the Commission is Attachment F, the Legislation creating the Commission is Attachment G, the guidelines for interim committees is Attachment H, and the proposed rules for the Commission is Attachment I.

You will also be receiving a hard copy of this memo and the meeting agenda by mail.

The following individuals will be coordinating staffing services for the Commission provided by the Legislative Services Agency: Ann Ver Heul (515-281-3837), email: ann.ver.heul@legis.state.ia.us, and Patty Funaro (515-281-3040), email: patty.funaro@legis.state.ia.us

Please feel free to contact the designated staff members if you have any questions or requests concerning the work of the Commission. If the designated staff are unavailable, please contact the Administrative Offices of the Legislative Services Agency at 515-281-3566.